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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT

- 1. APPRECIATE YOUR ASCERTAINING HOW THE AMBASSADOR WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE ANY REMARKS HE MAY WANT TO MAKE ON ARRIVAL. THOUGH THE ARRIVAL HOUR IS EARLY, PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT INDIAN AND AMERICAN MEDIA REPS WILL BE ON HAND AT THE AIRPORT. (SOME AMERICAN REPORTERS WILL ALREADY HAVE LEFT FOR NEPAL FOR A HEAD START ON THE CORONATION STORY.)
- 2. THE ARRIVAL SETTING DOES NOT REQUIRE THE AMBASSADOR TO ENTERTAIN JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS. IN FACT, IT MIGHT STRIKE THE GOI AS INAPPROPRIATE WERE THE AMBASSADOR TO HOLD A PRESS "CONFERENCE" BEFORE PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS.
- 3. THE AMBASSADOR NEED NOT, OF COURSE, MAKE A STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT, THE ARRIVAL BEING LARGELY A VISUAL EVENT. IN THIS CASE A WRITTEN STATEMENT MIGHT BE ISSUED IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY. BUT WE WOULD RECOMMEND A BRIEF ORAL STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT. AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION CAN BE RESERVED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
- 4. IF THE LATTER, WOULD THE AMBASSADOR LIKE US TO PREPARE A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR HIS CONSIDERATION?
- 5. IF THE AMBASSADOR PLANS TO SPEAK FROM A TEXT, IT WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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